

# Region OKs Estates Bayview-Gormley Rd.

Moraine - (mo-ran'), n. (Fr.) - O.Teut. source) Geol., a ridge or heap of rocks and gravel, deposited by a glacier and gathered by its edge (lateral moraine) or base (terminal moraine).  
Who'd ever thought that something brought on by a glacier way back in the days of Orphan Annie and other pre-historic people could precipitate such a discussion as went on at York Regional Council last week?  
But it did. And the moraine in question is at Oak Ridges — 89,300 acres, in fact — 133 of which were approved Thursday of last week by York Region Council for rural residential development in Richmond Hill, despite a fight by Regional Councillor Robert Adams of Markham to delay the process. In all, 3,000 acres of the moraine are already built on or are involved in applications for development — some have been approved, some not. The 3,000 acres are located in seven of the nine municipalities in the Region of York, the only ones not involved being Markham and Georgina. The whole moraine stretches from the Niagara Escarpment to Lindsay.

The Wertheim rural estate development at the corner of Bayview Avenue and the Gormley Sideroad has been under negotiation with Richmond Hill for two and a half years. It requires an amendment to the town's Official Plan (Amendment No. 6). This amendment has been approved by town council and now requires provincial approval. The province has asked York Region for its comments.  
The plan calls for 40 lots on the heavily wooded site, including Mr. Wertheim's present home and one extra large lot. There will be two interior private roads. The smallest lot is 1.9 acres and the largest 4.7 with the majority about 3 1/2 acres.  
It was reported in October that after negotiations with the Metro Conservation Authority, which redefined the top of bank lines beyond which the soil will not be disturbed, agreement had been reached with that body. No tree cutting will be permitted on the slopes and only enough land will be cleared to accommodate the buildings, roads and septic tank fields.  
It was noted that this type of development conforms to the Toronto-Centred Plan For Development and meets local criteria for estate development.

Only it's not all rocks and gravel; the lands, according to a technical report of the planning committee, are steeply rolling with elevations varying from 850 to 1,000 feet above geodetic datum. From point to point, in other words. The plan was sent up to region by Richmond Hill Council and now it appears nothing can stop the bulldozers.  
The lands are also heavily treed with hardwood bush, with some coniferous plantations along Bayview Road frontage for a depth varying from 200 feet to approximately 800 feet.  
And such topography, according to Councillor Adams, should not be invaded by a bunch of developers armed with bulldozers and a desire to get rich in a hurry.  
Instead it should be preserved in its natural state. The easy thing would be to let the development go through, said Mr. Adams. But council should stop and take a better look.  
Councillor Gordon Rowe of Richmond Hill said it

was the aim of the developers to keep the area in as natural state as possible.  
Mayor Margaret Brinnell of King said council should support Councillor Adams, as it had a great responsibility where the moraine was concerned.  
The province had said the moraine should be protected as it was the head water of various rivers, including the Rouge.

There would be more applications for subdivisions than those in at present, the mayor said, and steps should be taken to preserve it.  
"It's equally as important as the Niagara Escarpment," said Mayor Brinnell.  
Mayor Evelyn Buck of Aurora said the development would be in the noise levels of the proposed Pickering Airport, which would create its own problems. Home owners would eventually be asking that the planes be diverted.

Councillor Adams also wondered about the moraine as a recharge area.  
Planning Commissioner Murray Pound explained that a recharge area was one in which water falls and finds its way to an underground or stream system. If it is changed by building over it, the water underground is reduced. So future wells could be affected.  
However, it was hard to say what effect houses would have on the water supply flow from the Rouge River. "I can't say if this development is a problem to the moraine," Mr. Pound said.

He said his department was in the process of studying the cumulative effect on the moraine, but it wasn't an exact science.  
The moraine, though, was a natural heritage, which had to be protected, or the area would pay the price through erosion and other factors, he said.  
Mayor Brinnell said King Township had suffered through loss of trees in the township. It had a great effect on the steams in King, she said.

Councillor Rowe said it was crucial to have development in the area, because of the trunk sewer for there. Who was going to pay for that?  
Mayor Garnet Williams of Vaughan said that the best way to bring the matter to a head, was to approve it and then the government would look into it.


Mayor Gordon Ratcliff of Whitchurch - Stouffville suggested council hold it until it got a study from the regional planner.  
Such a study could take months, said Mr. Pound. Council agreed to the recommendations contained in the planning report.

Among those recommendations to be considered: lot sizes should be directly related to the site's topography, vegetation, soil and drainage characteristics. Estimated population yield from a proposed subdivision should not exceed a density of two people per acre.  
Any proposed plan of subdivision should be supported by a detailed landscape analysis, a detailed site plan, a detailed engineering report and servicing plan, including an engineer's certificate showing that sufficient ground water supplies are available.  
The natural state would be maintained, as far as possible; protection would be provided for water areas and woodland habitats for natural wildlife; remaining trees and woodlands would be protected and maintained where possible; also considered would be the need for careful siting of dwellings, additional tree planting and provision of sodded, earthen-berms.

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### IS STORING CHEESE A PROBLEM?

Remember these facts:

- 1) Refrigerate cheese in its natural wrapper.
- 2) Always cover cut surface with an air tight film, or dip the cut surface in hot paraffin before placing in the refrigerator.
- 3) Store all highly aromatic cheeses in air tight containers.
- 4) Cottage cheese and cream cheeses are highly perishable and should be stored as soon after purchase as possible.
- 5) Freezing cheese is not generally recommended but the following cheese freeze safely with a slight change in texture.
  - freeze in small 1 pound pieces.
  - wrap in air tight wrapping.
  - thaw in the refrigerator—use as soon as possible.
 Camembert, Mozzarella, Swiss, Edam, Cheddar, Brick, Gouda, Port Due Salut

Cook cheese with tender loving care.  
Remember use low heat and do not overcook. Your cheese dishes will always be tender and creamy.

### EASY CHEESE CASSEROLE

**Cheesy Noodle Bake** - Serves 6

3 cups fine noodles, 1 cup sour cream cooked, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, 1 clove garlic, finely chopped, 1 cup chopped onion, 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon dash pepper, 1/2 cups creamy cottage cheese

- Cook garlic and onion in butter only until tender.
- Add to noodles and remaining ingredients.
- Bake in (10 x 6 1/2 inch) casserole dish in 350°F oven for 25-30 minutes.
- Serve topped with grated Parmesan cheese.

**Cheese, Bacon-Egg Scallop** - Serves 4

1/2 cup chopped onion, 6 hard-cooked eggs, sliced, 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, 1 1/2 cups crushed cracker crumbs or bread crumbs or potato chips, 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour, 8 slices bacon, cooked, crumbled, 1 1/2 cups milk, 1 cup grated Canadian Cheddar cheese

- Cook onion in butter until tender.
- Stir in flour, then milk. Cook stirring until mixture thickens and bubbles.
- Add cheese stir until melted.
- Place a layer of egg slices on bottom of 10 x 6 1/2 inch casserole.
- Cover with 1/2 cheese sauce, crumbs and bacon. Repeat.
- Bake in 350°F oven for 15-18 minutes until bubbly hot.

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